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NMFS Announces an Extension to the Comment Period for Amendment 2 to the Consolidated Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

On July 27, 2007 (72 FR 41392), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published in the Federal Register a proposed rule for Amendment 2 to the Consolidated HMS FMP. That publication included a comment period deadline of October 15, 2007.

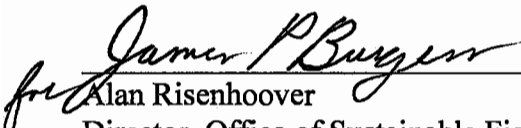
Since publication of the proposed rule, NMFS has received requests by constituents, Regional Fishery Management Councils, and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to extend the comment period. NMFS has decided to extend the comment period to November 2, 2007. All comment submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on that date.

Comments may be submitted to Michael Clark by one of the following methods:

- email: ShkA2@noaa.gov; or
- fax: (301) 713-1917; or
- mail: 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910.

Please include "Amendment 2" in a subject line of your email, fax, or mailed comment.

This EMAIL notice is a courtesy to HMS fisheries interests to keep you informed about your fisheries. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Michael Clark at (301) 713-2347 or Jackie Wilson at (240) 338-3936.


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